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HIGH LEVEL EXPRESSION OF A
HETEROLOGOUS PROTEIN WITH POOR
CODON USAGE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2001, in the above-identified application.

Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

- Replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 7-13 with the following:

B' --Expression of heterologous proteins in bacteria such as *E. coli* has become a standard procedure in most molecular biology laboratories and a cornerstone of production in the biotechnology industry. The most frequent problems encountered in bacterial expression systems are the insolubility of the induced protein and the poor efficiency of expression. Expression of heterologous proteins in bacteria can be seriously compromised due to the different codon preference displayed in other organisms.--